(e) if so, to what extent and the number of the existing card holders in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) The total quantity of 3,18,287 tonnes of rice was allotted to the Govt, of Andhra Pradesh under TPDS each for the month of December, 2002 and January, 2003. There is no report to the effect that PDS had been adversely affected.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The number of existing card holders in the State is 159.02 lakhs.

Setting up of consumer fora

954. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is obligation, mandatory or optional to set up consumer fora in each district of the country as per the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986;

(b) if so, the details of the consumer fora set up, so far, district-wise and State-wise;

(c) the States which have not followed the provisions of the Act; and

(d) the action taken by his Ministry against the States which have not set up consumer fora so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) and (b) In accordance with the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, setting up of the District Forum in each district is the responsibility of the State Governments and UT Administrations. District Forums have been set up in all districts except in a few newly created districts. Actions have been initiated to set up by the concerned States/UTs to set up District Forums in the newly created districts. As per the information furnished by the National Commission, the State-wise number of district forums set up so far is given in the Statement (See below)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Number of the District Forums set up under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986

State/UT	District Forums set up
Andhra Pradesh	25
Arunachal Pradesh	13
Assam	23
Bihar	37
Chhattisgarh	16
Goa	2
Gujarat	19
Haryana	19
Himachal Pradesh	12
Jammu and Kashmir	2
Jharkhand	18
Karnataka	23
Kerala	14
Madhya Pradesh	45
Maharashtra	34
Manipur	8
Meghalaya	7
Mizoram	3
Nagaland	8
Orissa	31
Punjab	17
Rajasthan	33
Sikkim	4
Tamil Nadu	30
Tripura	3
Uttar Pradesh	74
Uttaranchal	13
West Bengal	19
A and N Island	2
Chandigarh Admn.	2

State/UT	District Forums set up
D and N Haveli	1
Daman and Diu	2
Delhi	9
Lakshadweep	1
Pondicherry	1

Export of wheat to Iraq

955. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iraq has evinced keen interest in resumption of wheat purchases from India;

(b) if so, whether India has upgraded the grading and testing facilities at ports of dispatch to confirm to Iraqi standards; and

(c) whether the wheat export lobby has complained of inadequate allotment of rakes for wheat movements in view of the on-going pre-occupation of Railways for movement of grains to drought hit areas within the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such facilities have been set up by the Food Corporation of India.

(c) Exporting Public Sector Undertakings and exporters have drawn attention to the shortage of railway rakes for movement of grains for export.

Reviewing of Sarvapriya Scheme

956. SHRI R.P.GOENKA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether implementation of the Sarvapriya Scheme (SPS) for distribution of certain commodities at fair prices, launched by the National Consumers Cooperative Federation of India, has been reviewed, recently;